

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for call conferencing, comprising:

detecting an event associated with a conference call, the conference call associated with a plurality of participants; and

communicating one or more instant messages associated with the detected event to one or more of the participants, the one or more instant messages communicated in a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) format.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call joining the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify at least one of a number of participants who have joined the conference call and a name of each participant who has joined the conference call.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the one or more instant messages identify at least one of a number of participants who have joined and exited the conference call and a name of each participant who has joined and exited the conference call.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the event comprises one of the participants joining the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who joined the conference call.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the event comprises one of the participants exiting the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who exited the conference call.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the event comprises one of a beginning and an end of the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify that the conference call has one of begun and ended.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the event comprises one of the participants failing to provide a correct pass code when attempting to join the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages are communicated to a chairperson and identify the participant, an incorrect pass code provided by the participant, and the correct pass code.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call exiting the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages indicate that the conference call will end after a specified amount of time.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants transferring the conference call from one communication device to another communication device; and

the one or more instant messages indicate that the participant transferred communication devices.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the event comprises an end to the conference call;

the one or more instant messages comprise a survey; and

further comprising:

receiving one or more responses from one or more of the participants containing answers to the survey;

tabulating the answers; and

communicating one or more instant messages containing the tabulated answers to a chairperson of the conference call.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for call conferencing, comprising:

one or more ports operable to receive at least one channel of a plurality of channels for a communication session, the at least one channel having information from at least two of a plurality of conference call participants; and

one or more processors collectively operable to:

detect an event associated with the conference call; and

communicate one or more instant messages associated with the detected event to one or more of the participants, the one or more instant messages communicated in a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) format.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call joining the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify at least one of a number of participants who have joined the conference call and a name of each participant who has joined the conference call.

13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants joining the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who joined the conference call.

14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants exiting the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who exited the conference call.

15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises one of a beginning and an end of the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify that the conference call has one of begun and ended.

16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants failing to provide a correct pass code when attempting to join the conference call; and

the one or more instant messages are communicated to a chairperson and identify the participant, an incorrect pass code provided by the participant, and the correct pass code.

17. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call exiting the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages indicate that the conference call will end after a specified amount of time.

18. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises one of the participants transferring the conference call from one communication device to another communication device; and

the one or more instant messages indicate that the participant transferred communication devices.

19. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein:

the event comprises an end to the conference call;

the one or more instant messages comprise a survey; and

the one or more processors are further collectively operable to:

receive one or more responses from one or more of the participants containing answers to the survey;

tabulate the answers; and

communicate one or more instant messages containing the tabulated answers to a chairperson of the conference call.

20. (Currently Amended) A media application server comprising one or more processors operable for executing instructions ~~computer program embodied on a computer readable medium and operable to be executed by a processor, the computer program comprising computer readable program code~~ for:

detecting an event associated with a conference call, the conference call associated with a plurality of participants; and

communicating one or more instant messages associated with the detected event to one or more of the participants, the one or more instant messages communicated in a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) format.

21. (Currently Amended) The media application server ~~computer program~~ of Claim 20, wherein:
the event comprises a chairperson of the conference call joining the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify at least one of a number of participants who have joined the conference call and a name of each participant who has joined the conference call.

22. (Currently Amended) The media application server ~~computer program~~ of Claim 20, wherein:
the event comprises one of the participants joining the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who joined the conference call.

23. (Currently Amended) The media application server computer program of Claim 20, wherein:
the event comprises one of the participants exiting the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify a name of the participant who exited the conference call.
24. (Currently Amended) The media application server computer program of Claim 20, wherein:
the event comprises one of a beginning and an end of the conference call; and
the one or more instant messages identify that the conference call has one of begun and ended.
25. (Currently Amended) The media application server computer program of Claim 20, wherein:
the event comprises an end to the conference call;
the one or more instant messages comprise a survey; and
further comprising computer readable program code for:
receiving one or more responses from one or more of the participants containing answers to the survey;
tabulating the answers; and
communicating one or more instant messages containing the tabulated answers to a chairperson of the conference call.